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1. INDIAN AMBASSADOR T.N. KAUL CALLED IN JULY 23 BY

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARTHUR HUMMEL PASSEDTHE SAME

MESSAGE AS TO OTHER ICC MEMBERS CONCERNING US

SUPPORT OF THE GKR'S JULY 6 INITIATIVE PLUS OUR HOPE THAT

MEMBER STATES WILL MAKE POSITIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS CON-

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CERNING DESIRABILITY OF A CEASEFIRE AND A COMMISSION PRE-

PARED TO MOVE INTO PLACE.

2. KAUL PROBED FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBILITIES FOR A CEASEFIRE AS WELL AS ATTITUDES OF OTHER MEMBER STATES PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE POLES AND THE CANADIANS. KAUL INDICATED THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOI "WAS NOT NEGATIVE" BUT DEPENDED UPON THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT AS WELL AS THE AGREEMENT OF AND COMPOSITION OF THE PARTIES. HUMMEL INDICATED THAT THE MILITARY SITUATION WAS NOT HOPELESS, THAT MAJOR LOCs WERE OPEN AND SUPPLIES REACHING PHNOM PENH. HUMMEL DECLINED TO SPECULATE ABOUT WHAT MIGHT TRANSPIRE AFTER AUGUST 15 BUT STATED THAT WE HOPED THERE WOULD BE A ROLE FOR THE ICC. KAUL SAID HE THOUGHT THAT NEW DELHI MIGHT NOT WISH TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS AS THOSE MIGHT NEGATIVELY INFLUENCE THE ATTITUDES OF THE PARTIES BACKED BY THE PRC. (AFTER MAKING THAT STATEMENT KAUL HASTENED TO ADD THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE PRC WOULD NOT INFLUENCE INDIAN THINKING.) HUMMEL SUGGESTED THAT IF THE GOI REMAINED IN CONCERT WITH COMMENTS OF THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED THEN THEY WOULD NOT APPEAR TOO MUCH IN FRONT. KAUL PROMISED TO CONVEY THIS IDEA TO HIS GOVERNMENT. KAUL SAID THAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMENT WOULD SOON ARISE AS PARLIAMENT WAS OPENING AND QUESTIONS NO DOUBT WOULD BE ASKED. UNDER FURTHER QUESTIONING, HUMMEL SAID THAT THE USG IS NOT AWARE OF THE VIEWS OF THE SIHANOUK/INSURGENT PARTIES AND WE DO NOT KNOW IF THEY HAVE A UNIFIED VIEW.

3. KAUL SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN LEARNING WHETHER CANADA HAD SOUGHT ASSURANCES ABOUT THE FUNCTIONING OF THE CAMBODIAN ICC AND WHETHER A REPLACEMENT HAD BEEN FOUND FOR HER ON THE ICCS IN VIETNAM. HUMMEL RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD TALK LATER IN THE DAY TO CANADA ABOUT THE ICC; AS FOR THE ICCS HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT A REPLACEMENT WOULD BE FOUND.

4. WHEN ASKED IF THE USG WERE WILLING TO TALK TO THE KHMER COMMUNISTS, HUMMEL RESPONDED THAT IT WAS USG VIEW THAT KHMER PARTIES SHOULD TALK AMONG THEMSELVES. WHEN
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KAUL TRIED TO DRAW A PARALLEL BETWEEN THE PRESENT CAMBODIAN SITUATION AND NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE NVN/ PRG, HUMMEL STRESSED THAT THE US NEGOTIATED WITH NVN AS THE OUTSIDE PARTY IN THE STRUGGLE IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND NOT WITH THE PRG. A MORE PRECISE PARALLEL WOULD BE THE EXAMPLE OF SVN AND THE PRG DISCUSSIONS. THE EXTENT THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION WITH THE OTHER SIDE HAS BEEN TO ASK NVN TO ABIDE BY ARTICLE

20 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. ROGERS

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